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SERIAL NO.: 10/030,252

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 Tetsuro YOSHIMOTO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 1962
 Serial No.: 10/030,252 : Group Art Unit: 2876
 Filed: January 09, 2002 : Examiner: Kumiko C. Koyama
 For: IC CARD

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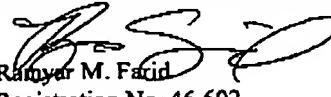
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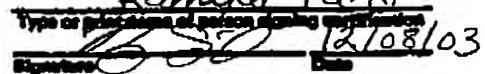
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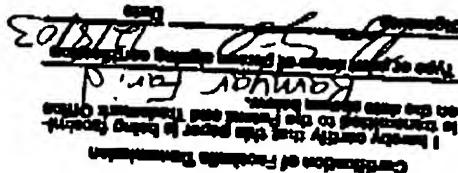
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In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 8, 2003, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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